

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

One of the cornerstones of our democracy is the diversity of our media. The concentration of various media (e.g., broadcast and print) promises to reduce the diversity of coverage and points of view. It is not just a question of the number of outlets, but of who controls the outlets. Just as we need to avoid government control of media (4 stations do not constitute diversity, if they are all government owned and operated), so we need to avoid the corporate concentration of media in large monopolies that control the outlets available to the public. It is not a question of the number of outlets or sources; rather it is a matter of concentration of ownership of those outlets.

I urge you not to relax the existing rules that protect the diversity of media ownership.